

Serving in Multicultural Ministry
Spring 2022
Session 5
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Running the Race



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Instructional Overview

Big Ideas:

- When you run with a personal vision aligned to what God will do in history according to His mission, you can endure. Run in such a way as to get the prize (1 Cor 9:24) with the Alpha and Omega, the Almighty, as a leaders' first love.
- Endurance comes from the indwelt Jesus. We rely on Him to help us balance ministry, home, and work

Essential Questions

- How does a pastoral leader's personal endurance relate to accomplishing God's vision for the Body and local church?

Learning Outcomes

- Review synthesis and application of personal visioning and endurance in your call to pastor and leading to influence as servants in a multicultural context
- Explain Jesus' commendations to the seven churches shape a leader as a servant in one's call to pastor

Small-Group Walk About

- Visioneering comprises the Spirit-originated course you follow as you make His plans for your pastoral call a reality. It fuels the engine of a vision. A vision encompasses what a leader wants to accomplish according to God's purpose.
- Keep the Lighthouse Church of All Nations vision in mind when you write your visioneering statement. As future middle-door pastors, your visioneering statement propels and supports the Lighthouse vision.

Creating a Lighthouse Pastoral Visioneering Statement

Directions

- In small group, write out a team visioneering statement on chart paper for pastoral leadership using the chart on page four.
- Then, write synthesizing statements for each question (or bullets). Your responses should not parrot information.

Lighthouse Church of All Nations Vision

- It is our vision to be a non-denominational church for all nations, celebrated in ethnic diversity.
- Our goal is a life-changing experience with Jesus Christ, translated into loving relationships with others and service to our fellow man.
- We equip and empower people to become Christ-like in character and maturity, releasing them to fulfill their life mission.
- We are teaching people to use their gifts and abilities for the cause of Christ in their local church, in their community, and throughout the world.

Visioneering Statement

(Use the Appendix 1 chart to complete this exercise)

WHO YOU ARE

1. Describe your walk as His servant in your call to pastor
2. Tell how Jesus' commendations to the seven churches shape you as a servant in your call to pastor

WHERE YOU ARE GOING:

1. List three actions your vision will accomplish as a pastoral leader to the ministry of all believers through your spiritual gifts.
2. Based on the seven pillars of a servant of the Lord, list the three most critical actions your pastoral leadership vision will accomplish.

WHAT VALUES GUIDE YOU IN VISION: What do you stand for as you lead like Jesus?

1. Theologians have called the Beatitudes, "the Sinai moment of the New Testament...Jesus delivers His own unique and radical Pentateuch (Card, 2014, Chapter 5, ¶ 3). Tell how the Beatitude character traits of the heart define your pastoral leadership ethics as a servant in your Sunday-to-Sunday walk.
2. From Beatitudes, write three values that guide your vision vertically with God and three values that guide your vision horizontally with those around you

WRAPPING THE THREE POINTS INTO A VISIONEERING STATEMENT

1. Combine the essentials from above and write a three to four sentence visioneering statement for a middle-door, servant pastor in a diverse environment at the Lighthouse Church of All Nations. (Make sure it fuels the engine for the Lighthouse vision.)
2. Then, tell how your visioneering statement will support leading to Influence as servants in a multicultural context.

Socratic Circle Discussion

Directions:

1. Respond to the below question in open, whole group discussion.
2. Be transparent. What we discuss in class stays in the class. 😊
3. Your teacher will facilitate and keep the discussion moving. You will drive it with your comments.

Questions:

- With rapidly changing secular values, society challenges. In the face of these challenges, how do you endure as an overcomer in pastoral leadership?
- How do you balance the demands of ministry, family, and work? What are your struggles?

Notes:

BREAK: 8:15-8:25pm

Individual Reflection: Inventory and Teacher Key Points about Running the Race**Directions:**

1. See below for the inventory of Jesus' commendations/condemnations from the seven churches of Revelation.
2. You will take this inventory ranking the degree to which you overcome to run the race to support leading to Influence as servant pastors in a multicultural context.
3. Keep the team visioneering statement you just wrote and Lighthouse vision in mind as you take the inventory.
4. Before taking the inventory, pray the Holy Ghost will convict you as you answer the questions.
5. Then, discuss them in your assigned small group. Be transparent. What we discuss in class, stays in the class. 😊
6. Afterwards, you'll report out as a whole group.

Rank how well you run by select one of the following scale ratings: (1) never (2) rarely (3) sometimes (4) always		
Average each of the seven categories		
Ephesus (2:1) CHURCH OF DEPARTED LOVE	I have not left the first love I had at first	
	I do not tolerate evildoers	
	I toil and persist in the work of Christ	
	I am steadfast in the Lord	
	I do not faint in the face of savage wolves	

	I endure tribulation for the sake of Jesus' name	
	I share Christ's dislike for Nicolaitanes	
	I test for false prophets	
	I hear what the Word says through study, prayer, reflection, fasting, meditating, listening to the Lord	
	I will not be moved (Look to the Lord as sovereign)	
	I am not proud	
	I recognize God's sovereignty, and do not do His will on my own	
	I truly repent and come unto myself (Luke 15:17-19)	
Smyrna (2:8)	I am rich (Suffer the loss of things, but rich in faith)	
CHURCH OF FIERY PERSECUTION	I stand against the Jezebel spirit within the church	
	I stand against the false prophets outside the church (e.g., synagogue of Satan –Judaizers)	
	I endure and bear much for Jesus' name sake	
	I keep up my faith and will not be moved	
	I trust in God	

	I hear what the Spirit says	
	I carry the thumbprint of the Potter. When I am broken, I know I am in the Master's hands	
	I reframed what suffering and rich means	
	I am not sad over suffering for Christ sake	
	I take comfort in the promise of eternal life	
	I look to the Lord as my Shelter, Strong Tower, Deliverer, Present Help	
	I stand in community, strengthened by prayer.	

Pergamos (2:12) CHURCH OF WORLDLY ALLIANCE	I can work in Satan's seat	
	I hold fast to the Name during times of martyrdom	
	I don't deny the Name	
	I am not afraid of martyrdom	
	I truly repent and come unto myself	
	I guard my Christ esteem, not my self esteem	
	Let the Kingdom determine my choices	
	I do not allow idols to become a renewable resource	
	I am not lured by the doctrine of Balaam	
	I don't fornicate with the world...I am in the world, but not of the world	
	I don't dilute the Gospel to make it more palatable to others	
	I consecrate myself to the Lord (Lev 20:7; 2 Chron 29:31)	
	I do not put the things of the world above God	

	My behavior does not create a stumbling block to others	
	I draw near to the Lord (Jas 4:7-8)	

Thyatira (2:18) CHURCH OF CLERICAL DOMINATION	My passion for works do not outstrip my holiness	
	I condemn Jezebel, her children, and adherents (Rev 2: 22-23)	
	I do not have a Jezebel spirit and point people away from the divine authority of God with my teaching.	
	I search my heart (Ps 51:10; "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me")	
	I have a repentant spirit (Hos 14:5-8; "They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon" (v. 7).	
	I remain faithful and don't compromise boundaries	
	I go into the world, but am not of the world (John 17:15-17, Rom 12:2)	
	I do not compromise the mission of God (Great Commission that includes the call to the Great Compassion	
Sardis (3:1) CHURCH OF EMPTY PROFESSION	I am not dead	
	I am not asleep—I will not fall in the same way Sardis fell, though lack of watchfulness	
	I am steady	
	I know history's value—I remember the value of a spiritual walk on fire for Christ and keep it alive	

(CHURCH OF THE MARGINS)	I have a right spirit in work (I can slow it down to hear what the Lord has to say)	
	I value the little things God gave me	
	I rid myself of the things in my life that will lead me away from purity	
	I don't live with the Amorites or surround myself with evil	
	I don't make myself a servant to sin	
	I don't leave the door open to sin, so sin will enter	
	I help a person become part of the Body, the temple, and Bride – Help them cross over to Jordan	
	I make margins in my time, finances...Everything looks different because it all belongs to Christ	
	I defend my borders (the margins in my life)	
Philadelphia (3:7) CHURCH OF THE FAITHFUL REMNANT	I do works of charity (love)	
	I am actively involved in service	
	I consider myself among the faithful	
	I show brotherly and sisterly love	

	I live the Name	
	I keep His Word	
	I am weak so He is strong	
	I am patient in waiting on the Lord	
	I hold fast in the face of temptation	
	I can witness in the face of crisis, shaking, and tribulation	
	I have eyes that can see (What can be shaken will be shaken, and we're going to hold on to the Name)	
	I can rest in the Lord	
	I unify people together in ministry, not pit one against the other	
	I am an ambassador of reconciliation	

Laodicea (3:14)	I am not hot nor cold for the Lord	
	I don't confuse wealth for God's approval (The church didn't think they needed anything because of their wealth and organization, yet they didn't see they lacked spiritual life in its midst)	

CHURCH OF INSIPID LUKE WARMNESS	My character is not one of pride or self satisfaction	
	I do not have the three-fold need of poverty, nakedness, and blindness	
	I buy gold tried in the fire (speaks of divine righteousness) and white raiment (denotes practical righteousness, and eye salve (spiritual discernment))	
	I hear the please of the plea of the Spirit of God to my heart.	
	I have zeal for the Lord	
	I am not indifferent with my attitude towards the Lord	
	I do not enact a helps-type ministry(like homeless shelters, food pantry, prison ministry, give aways) without emphasizing the saving grace of the Gospel	
	I profess the Name while keeping Him on the inside	
	I don't substitute wealth for grace	
	I am humble	
	I have zeal with repentance	
	I open the door to His affluence	

	I give thanks giving to Christ	
	I look to reconciliation as the goal when discipling other, not blame	
	I seek personal restoration through Christ...Sin is a flesh eating disease	
	I am honest with God in all situations	
	I let God assess me first	

Individual Prayer

Directions:

- Your teacher will assign you one of the seven churches from Revelation for you to pray with power. You will have time to write out your thoughts before you pray.
- According to your assigned church, you will pray the following for 30 seconds
- Give Jesus praise using the attributes He revealed to your assigned church. (See below chart)
- Ask Him to build your leadership endurance in one or two areas from the inventory you took for this same church.

Church	Jesus' Character	Meaning
Ephesus (2:1) CHURCH OF THE DEPARTED LOVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He holds the seven stars in His right hand • He walks in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks (Rev 2:1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not an absentee landlord • Church cannot have pride • Christ alone is sovereign (not the church)
Smyrna (2:8) CHURCH OF FIERY PERSECUTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He's the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive (2:8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ is absolute • He is supreme before all things and last as goal of all things
Pergamos (2:12) THE CHURCH OF WORLDLY ALLIANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He which hath the sharp sword with two edges (2:12) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the Word of God (John 5:22, 27; Heb 4:12)

Thyatira (2:18-19) CHURCH OF CLERICAL DOMINATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Son of of God, who hath eyes like unto a flame of fire • His feet are like fine brass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire (Discerns evil and cannot tolerate it) • Brass (Stamps out evil with judgment) • His title conveys power and authority • He's not the son of Mary, He's the Son of God
Sardis (3:1-6) CHURCH OF EMPTY PROFESSION (CHURCH OF THE MARGINS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He has the seven spirits of God • Seven stars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflects the fullness and perfection of the Holy Spirit • Christ highlights His lordship and sovereignty
Philadelphia (3:7-13) CHURCH OF THE FAITHFUL REMNANT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is that is holy, He that is true • He has the key of David • He that openeth • No man shutteth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy in life, True in doctrine; holy in character, true in action (Jesus does not reveal His judicial character here, but personal character) • Key of David (See also Isa 22:22; cf. Rev 3:12; 22:14-15 metaphor for Messiah's authority to admit or exclude entrance into God's Kingdom in the New Jerusalem) • He that openeth by the truth of His Word • No man shutteth...to hardened spirits He shutteth and no man openeth • He alone opens and shuts the controls to the New Jerusalem
Laodicea (3:14-22)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Amen • The Faithful and True Witness • The Beginning of the Creation of God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The One who establishes all God's promises; the

CHURCH OF INSIPID LUKE WARMNESS		<p>Last Word, the Ultimate Authority, the Finality of all things</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christ never failed in witness• He is the Head of New creation (2 Cor 5:17)
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Serving in Multicultural Ministry, 2022 — Homework, Session 5

Due May 5, 2022

Illustrated Sermon (Bring a hard copy of your word-for-word sermon and email a copy to Pastor Marrion.)

You will preach a ten-minute, illustrated sermon with three PowerPoint slides (just as you would at the pulpit) and an illustration. The illustration must be a physical artifact, not a piece of paper, brochure, handout, or the like. Your illustration should support your sermon and enlighten your audience. Please see tips below to revise your sermon draft as directed by Pastor Marrion. You must bring completed sermon to class. You will not be able to preach your sermon without it. Remember do not go over allotted time. When the timer goes off, you must stop preaching. Be mindful that your sermon is very important and should reflect your diligence and hard work.

1. Contents relates to what the teacher covers in class.
2. Sermon integrates the assigned pillar of the servant of the Lord.
3. Scripture analysis must include exegesis and interpretation using either the first mention, context, progressive, and/or typical principles.
4. Sermon applies to the context of multicultural ministry.
5. Scriptural interpretation must align with the ANLI faith statement.

Appendix 1

Seven Pillars: Servant of the Lord

Pillar One. A servant of the Lord belongs to God through covenant.

Pillar Two. A servant of the Lord submits to His commission.

Pillar Three. A servant of the Lord places the future in His hands.

Pillar Four. A servant of the Lord follows God in faith.

Pillar Five. A servant of the Lord speaks gentle truth.

Pillar Six. A servant of the Lord trusts Him, with the absence of fear and discouragement.

Pillar Seven. A servant of the Lord prevails with His commission.

Beatitudes

Vertical

- Poor in spirit: Reflects an emptying out of oneself for a total dependency on God (Matt 5:3).
- Mourners: Do so over their own sin and losses as well as the world's wickedness and suffering (5:4).
- Meek: Make choices and exercise power from a divine rather than worldly reference point. They have the inner strength from God's Spirit to obey Him (v. 5).

- Hungry and Thirsty: Those who hunger for God, long for Him in a spiritual sense. As a deer searched for water when thirsting in dry places, needing refreshment, or wanting shelter from danger to meet its basic need, so too the hungry look to God (v. 6).

Horizontal

- Merciful: Presents itself in a horizontal relationship showing one who sighs, groans, moans, sobs, and laments for others conditions. Servants also pardon them, just as Christ pardons those who seek His mercy: (v. 7).
- Pure: Walk with biblical integrity and obedience to truth, abstaining from passions of the flesh (v. 8),
- Peacemakers: Christian peacemakers conform to God's will in thought and deed through His righteousness. He imparts heavenly wisdom—pure and undefiled—to the sanctified. In turn, His Spirit's purity of wisdom inwardly manifests the outward nature of peace (v. 9),
- Persecuted (v.10): Persecuted stand like conquerors and testify about Him (14)—Christ followers must reflect the light of the progressively revealed God in flesh for His glory and majesty (2 Cor 4:6)

Seven Churches Commendations

- (1) Works (Toil and persistent endurance) (Rev 2:2a; 6; 3:7)
- (2) Work in Satan's seat (2:13) Does not tolerate for evildoers (2:2b, 3a, 6; cf. Acts 20:17, 29)
- (3) Endures, not afraid, and holds fast to His Name during persecution (Rev 2:3b 9, 13; 3:7)
- (4) Poverty (but thou art rich)—They suffered the loss of all things, but are rich in faith (v.9a; cf. 1 Cor 3:21-23)
- (5) Words (Rev 2:19), charity (2: 19); service (v. 19); faith (v. 19); patience (3:7)
- (6) Last is more than the first (v. 19)